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MEMORANDUM FOR Secretary of the Air Force
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: OXCART and SR-71 Plans

Reference: National Reconnaissance Office Memo, Subj:
"OXCART Program," dtd 16 June 67.

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In the reference, the Director, NRO proposes two options for delaying phase out of the OXCART program. I think the current plan needs only slight modification: one test aircraft should be mothballed in July 1967 and the remaining eight aircraft in December 1967.

On 1 December 1967, SAC will be responsible for Kadena operations, using the SR-71 aircraft. I would like the JCS, in conjunction with the Air Force and the NRO, to develop a plan by 4 August 1967 for the transfer of this responsibility.

To ensure the SR-71 capability, the Air Force should attempt to further accelerate installation of ECM.

NRO review(s)
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JCS review(s)
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